

VILLAGE OF ROBBINS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 22, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
3323 W. 137th St. Robbins, IL
Robbins Courtroom, 2nd Floor

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (Time): 7:05 PM

BY: Mayor Darren E. Bryant

Pledge of Allegiance and Lord's Prayer said in Unison

ROLL CALL (TRUSTEES)

P David R. Dyson

P Ernest Maxey Jr

P Thomas Harper Jr.

P Chanel Kelly

P Jeanneen Holmes

P Michael Collier Sr

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

P Mayor Darren E. Bryant

P Village Clerk Sharon Dyson

P VA Korie Dickson

QUORUM ESTABLISHED? Yes

- I. It was moved by Trustee Harper and seconded by Trustee Holmes to approve the regular minutes 7-8-25
Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier
Motion carried.
- II. Announcements
 - It is very important that you sign up for text alerts if you haven't done so already. A cell phone number is required. Updates can also be found on the village website as well as all village social media pages.
 - If you need assistance with paying your water bill and to avoid disconnection as well as senior services, please reach out to your local township, either Bremen 708-333-9530 or Worth 708-371-2900.
 - Please join us every Tuesday and Thursday for chair exercise from 11:00am-2:00 pm at the Robbins Park District, 13650 Claire Blvd.
 - Alpha and Omega Foundation is offering scholarships to low-income students residing in Robbins, for students enrolling in a college or university. Scholarships are \$2000 and the deadline to apply is August 31, 2025. Applications can be found at the park district, community center, library and police department.
 - Hudson Academy Summer Camp is going on now through August 31, Mon-Fri from 8am-4pm. For more information, please call 708-722-4691.
 - ComEd Customer relief fund, Beginning July 7, income eligible residential customers with past due balances may qualify for grants up to \$500. To learn more and apply, visit www.coed.com/relief for step by step guidance.
 - The Cook County down payment assistance program has re-opened. Get up to 5% in down payment and closing cost assistance.
www.club720.org/cookcounty-dpa.

- Thank you to Chief Malley, DC Bollinger and the fire department for their help with the dog vaccination clinic. It was again very successful and although they said the limit was 75, they serviced 85 dogs. Unfortunately, only about 15 of those were from the community.
- It's almost here, our annual back to school festival and parade! Aug29-31, with live entertainment, food, fun and the rodeo is back. All for the low price of \$10 admission daily for 18 and older, 17 and younger are free. We are still accepting donations from anyone wanting to help make this event a great success. Please contact Ms. Angie Murphy-Watts at 708-663-1333 or VA Dickson 708-470-9890.
- The annual National Night Out, police, community and partnership, will be August 5th, from 4-7PM at the Robbins Community Center, 13800 S Trumbull Ave. Come enjoy food, fun, and entertainment.

- III. A. Mayor's Report: On Wednesday, I received notice about unusually high-water bills. I sent out text alerts to the citizens about what to do. We have addressed the problem. There were two problems: they were late and wrong. It won't happen again. This past Saturday State Rep Bob Rita came out. I asked him how much money have you gotten for my community. There is \$212,000 on the table for camera surveillance for the police department. There is \$250,000 from Congressman Jonathan Jackson for cameras (trying to put cameras on every block). The village hall is still on track to be completed. The contractor has received a check for \$253,000 but they still need \$439,000 to continue working. We won't be able to get the second check until the state opens back up sometime in August.
- The Robbins Eagles football field has been waiting for permits since February. MWRD sent back five revisions, and each revision caused at least a month's delay. I contacted President Kari Steele's office to see if she can help expedite the process.
- B. VA Report: No report.
- C. Clerk's Report: Dates 6/10/25-7/21/25: Community Center Rentals \$820.00, Flea Market \$17,806, Transfer Tax fee \$650.00.

IV. NEW BUSINESS-

- A. It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustees Harper and Dyson to approve Ordinance 7-22-25, an ordinance implementing a municipal grocery retailer's occupation tax and a municipal grocery service occupation tax, with the deletion of Section 2.
- Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier
Motion carried.
- B. It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustees Holmes and Kelly to approve resolution approving Dr. Cornell Darden as lobbyist.
- The mayor recommended it be deferred back to the water committee for discussion. It was moved by Trustee Maxey and seconded by Trustee Harper to defer back to the water committee.
- Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier
Motion carried.
- The water committee meeting will be on July 28th at 5PM.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Trustee Collier

Water-the water committee meeting will be July 28th @ 5pm. A rate increase will be discussed. Apologized on behalf of the water supervisor about the billing problems. Public Works-Thank you to Mr. Cooper for keeping up with the grass cutting, dumping and just keeping the village clean as best as he can.

VI. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Ratliff asked about the tree that fell in her back yard by the tollway. It was stated Rep. Bob Rita is also a rep for the tollway. The VA will follow up.

Mrs. Murphy stated there is a problem at the gas station at 135th/Pulaski with the donation boxes. Also, asked who is responsible for the bus shelter at that same facility? Wants to speak with the ordinance committee about fencing. The mayor stated she should speak with the building department about fencing.

Bernard Ward stated he felt having a lobbyist for water is a good idea and will he be specifically for water?

The mayor announced Jeremy Holmes will now be handling the digital media (website, newsletter, etc.) for the village. He will be replacing Derrick who stepped down.

VII. Executive Session:

Section 2 (c) (6) Limited to actual setting of price for sale or lease of public property.

It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustees Kelly and Holmes to enter into executive session

Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier

Motion carried.

It was moved by Trustee Collier and seconded by Trustee Kelly to reconvene into regular session.

Roll call ayes: Dyson, Maxey, Harper, Kelly, Holmes, Collier

Motion carried.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Trustee Maxey and seconded by Trustee Holmes to adjourn.

Upon a unanimous vote in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Sharon Dyson/Village Clerk_____